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WLL SYSTEM IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for providing WLL system to facilitate expansion of telecom network in the desert areas of Kutch/Saurashtra regions of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when WLL system is likely to be made available to the consumers in the above areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b)
(i) 3500 WLL lines are already working in 7 talukas of Bhuj. Further expansion of this network by 3000 lines is planned. An additional 9000 lines are also planned at all other talukas of Bhuj.

(ii) In Saurashtra, WLL has been planned as follows:

SSA	Working Lines	Expansion	Additional
Jamnagar	500	500	7750
Junagardh	-	-	14250
Rajkot	1000	-	19000

(c) The WLL system is likely to be made available to the consumers in 2003-2004 subject to availability of resources.